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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: MILITARY TECHNICAL ADVISORY TEAM

REF: (A) KINSHASA 10152, (B) ZAMISH 0032

1. DCM AND CHIEF ZAMISH MET WITH DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF ZAIRE'S DEPARTMDKT OF DEFENSE AT HIS REQUEST DECEMBER 17, DEPUTY DIRECTOR STATED THAT GOZ AGREED TO TERMS OF REFERENCE PRESENTED TO GENERAL MOLONGYU ON DECEMBER 2. CONFIRMING LETTER FROM DEPT. OF DEFENSE TO INCLUDE A PRELIMINARY PROGRAM TO BE EMPLOYED DURING THE EXECUTION PHASE OF TEAM'S MISSION WILL BE PRESENTED TO ZAMISH IN THE NEAR FUTURE. IT WAS AGREED THAT IN-COUNTRY ARRIVAL DATE IS ENVISIONED APPROXIMATELY JANUARY 15, 1975.

2. IN RESPONSE TO OUR QUERY, REFERENCE PUBLICITY OF THE TEAMS'S OPERATION IN COUNTRY, COLONEL WABALI RESPONDED THAT THEY WOULD CONSIDER THE TEAMS PRESENCE AS CONFIDENTIAL. HE FORESAW NO PROBLEM IN THIS REGARD, SINCE ZAMISH HAS BEEN IN EXISTENCE FOR QUITE A NUMBER OF YEARS, TEAM COULD BE READILY ABSORBED IN THE ZAMISH FRAMEWORK.

3. THE MOST PRESSING CONCERN EXHIBITED BY DDN OFFICERS  
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WAS THE RANK OF THE CHIEF OF MISSION. HE DESIRED THIS INFORMATION

SOONEST, IN ORDER THAT THEY MAY MAKE AN EARLY SELECTION OF ZAIRIAN TEAM CHIEF. COLONEL WABALI SURMISED THAT A GENERAL OFFICER WOULD HEAD THE TEAM. WE INDICATED THAT WE WOULD ATTEMPT TO GET THIS INFORMATION SOONEST.

COMMENT: FOR REASONS GIVEN IN PREVIOUS MESSAGES ON THIS SUBJECT, WE AGAIN STRONGLY URGE THAT A BRIGADIER GENERAL, KNOWLEDGEABLE IN FRENCH LANGUAGE, BE SELECTED AS TEAM CHIEF AND THAT THIS INFORMATION BE TRANSMITTED WITH THE LEAST PRACTICABLE DELAY. END COMMENT.

4. ALL AGREED THAT UPON RECEIPT BY ZAMISH OF PRELIMINARY PROGRAM MENTIONED ABOVE, A MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED AT THE STAFF LEVEL TO COORDINATE AND FORMULATE ADMINISTRATIVE AND LOGISTICAL DETAILS ASSOCIATED WITH THE TEAM'S MISSION IN COUNTRY.  
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